



# CONGRESSMAN HENRY A. WAXMAN NEWS

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WAXMAN URGES "YES" VOTE ON PROPOSITION 10 --

BLASTS TOBACCO INDUSTRY

A leading authority on the effects of smoking on health, Congressman Henry A. Waxman has urged smokers and non-smokers alike to vote Yes on Proposition 10.

Proposition 10 is a measure on the November 4th ballot designed to make it easier for individuals to avoid smoke-filled air in public places. It has been endorsed by the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association and numerous other health groups.

Waxman said,

"I plead with voters not to let the slick, well-financed, last-minute campaign by the tobacco industry confuse them about Proposition 10. I have studied the measure. It is fair, sensible and practical. It can be implemented with little cost. It absolutely will not infringe on the rights of smokers. "

Waxman, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment, said that Proposition 10 was especially necessary in the light of recent findings on how smoke affects non-smokers.

"My committee has heard repeated testimony from nationally renowned scientists who are certain that smoke blown into the air is detrimental to non-smokers who cannot avoid breathing it. The danger is especially great to the more than two and one half million Californians with heart or lung diseases. Frequent breathing of smoke-filled air can be harmful even to healthy non smokers."

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